

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 22 and ending on page 11, line 3 with the following paragraph:

Referring back to FIG. 6, the box 40 preferably comprises a means for air outlet 48 (e.g., an air exhaust port) and a means for air inlet 46 (e.g., an air inlet port). The exhaust port 48 is located at either the front or the exterior front side of battery box 40. As shown in FIGS. 5b or 5d, when the external mounting configuration is used, exhaust port 48 is located at the lower portion of box 40. When the internal mounting configuration is used (FIGS. 5a, 5c), moreover, exhaust port 48 is located at the upper portion of box 40. In either configuration, inlet port 48 is preferably located on the rear side (i.e., the side closest to the stern of the watercraft) or the rear interior side of box 40. Locating the air inlet port 48 at the rear of box 40 and the exhaust port 46 at the front of box 40 takes advantage of the convection currents existing within box 40, especially when the craft possesses an aft orientation. Typically, the ports 46, 48 are lined with a fitting such as a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) fitting (not shown). The size of the ports is not limited, but is preferably about one to two inches in diameter. The ventilation manifold [[44]], present in the battery box, is discussed *infra*.